

# International DX Association



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## MURF-GRAMS

Your INDEXA officers have been busy this spring and we have a few changes and new procedures. All was done in the best interest of the organization and for Worldwide Fellowship. If you have ideas or suggestions, send them to NK5K.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** has been approved by the Directors and a one time payment of \$100.00 will help your Association and make you a Lifer. A Life Member label for your membership certificate will be issued and the Life will replace the dates on the mailing labels and membership roster.

**ELECTIONS:** a nominating committee has been formed consisting of all Directors and Executive Committee. They shall be informed and/or receive all suggestions/letters from the membership to use as a basis for anyone being placed on the ballot. The ballot will appear in the next Newsletter.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** to avoid possible loss of funds and embarrassment, a form application will be used to obtain needed info from the station requesting help. This will apply mainly to stations that are not well known to the Association and where member's funds are at stake. Sponsored stations and others well known to the Association, that have received assistance are expected to complete the form for record purposes.

**OFFICER ELECTION:** since INDEXA is in a growing and development stage, the Directors have agreed to place the office of the President on the 1985 ballot but not the offices of VPs, Secretary or Treasurer. This action will allow continuity in the INDEXA effort.

**SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP:** it is now possible for any member to sponsor a friend for membership in INDEXA. Simply send the dues to the Secretary giving your call and membership number along with complete information on the person you want to sponsor. The Newsletter will list the Sponsor and Recipient. The person you sponsor will have full membership.

**ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER:** is now possible on a limited basis. The advertisement must be copy ready with no other work required. A maximum of six 1 X 3 inch spaces will be provided in each issue. All spaces and advertisements shall be printed only after approval by the Editor to assure that such advertisement is ethical and in the best interest of the Association.

Rates - each issue.. 1 X 3 inch space (copy ready) \$10.00  
- same ad for 6 issues \$50.00

An SASE will be helpful in case the ad can't be used. Make sure that you make note that payment is for advertisement and not membership dues.

INDEXA has plenty of membership applications (stuffers) on hand. If you are a QSL manager and want to lend a littel more support to your Association or just another DXer that will enclose them with your outgoing QSLs, send me your call sign or membership number and the quantity desired and they will be on the way to you.

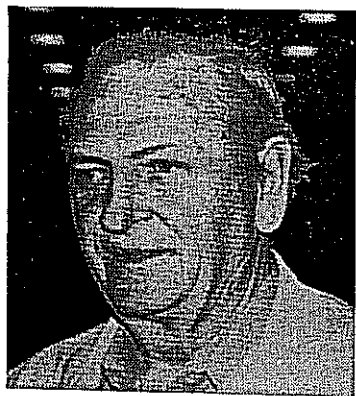
de W4WMQ

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You have all probably heard by now that the DXAC voted to recommend approval of the Pribilof Islands for DXCC countru status. The DXAC functions at the pleasure of the ARRL Board of Directors and decisions of the DXAC are recommendations only. In the case of the Pribilofs, the Board of Directors voted to table the issue in its July meeting. This action has the effect of placing the Pribilof issue in limbo indefinitely.

## PERSONALITIES

### EDITOR



John was licensed W4FRU in 1938 and is a retired USAF officer. During his 32 years as a military pilot and Communications-Electronics engineer, he was privileged to operate from many countries and has held several exotic call signs. He was among the original hams that put Turkey on the air after WW II. His wife, Amy, was W4IAD when they were married. However, she gave up "ham radio" to raise a family and pursue a career of her own. John sez he doesn't need any countries but you wouldn't know it listening to him in a pile up. He is Vice-Chairman of the ARRL DXAC and QSL manager for several DX stations.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Hoppy's signal has permeated the airways since he was licensed in 1928 and he has held the familiar "W3DJZ" since 1930. DXing is his game and he has a wall full of certificates to attest to his accomplishments. Honor roll 315/347, DXCC RTTY #2, WAZ phone and CW, just to name a few. Hop served with the Air Force Communication Engineering Depot at Middletown, PA until 1950 at which time he went with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, where he served as Director of Communications until his retirement in 1974. During his service with the Commission, he was instrumental in designing and installing a 6.8 GHz, 600 channel microwave and VHF communication system to support the Turnpike. Hop has acquired the computer bug and has spent the past several years involved with the Texas Instrument personal computer.



### OUT HONG KONG WAY



VS6CT, the voice of Philip weaver, is well known to the DX world as he operates from high above Hong Kong. His beam sits atop a 20 story building with inverted "V"s on 40 and 80 meters. Phil enjoys the pile-ups and hopes to add RTTY to his modest station, which consist of a TS930S and FL2100B. Phil holds a Master Mariners certificate and has traveled extensively throughout the world. He is single and thinks that's the way to go. His other interests include flying and he is a licensed helicopter driver.

### Trivia

A bird lives in an airtight cage which sits on a scale. How does the weight measured by the scale change when the bird is flying or resting?

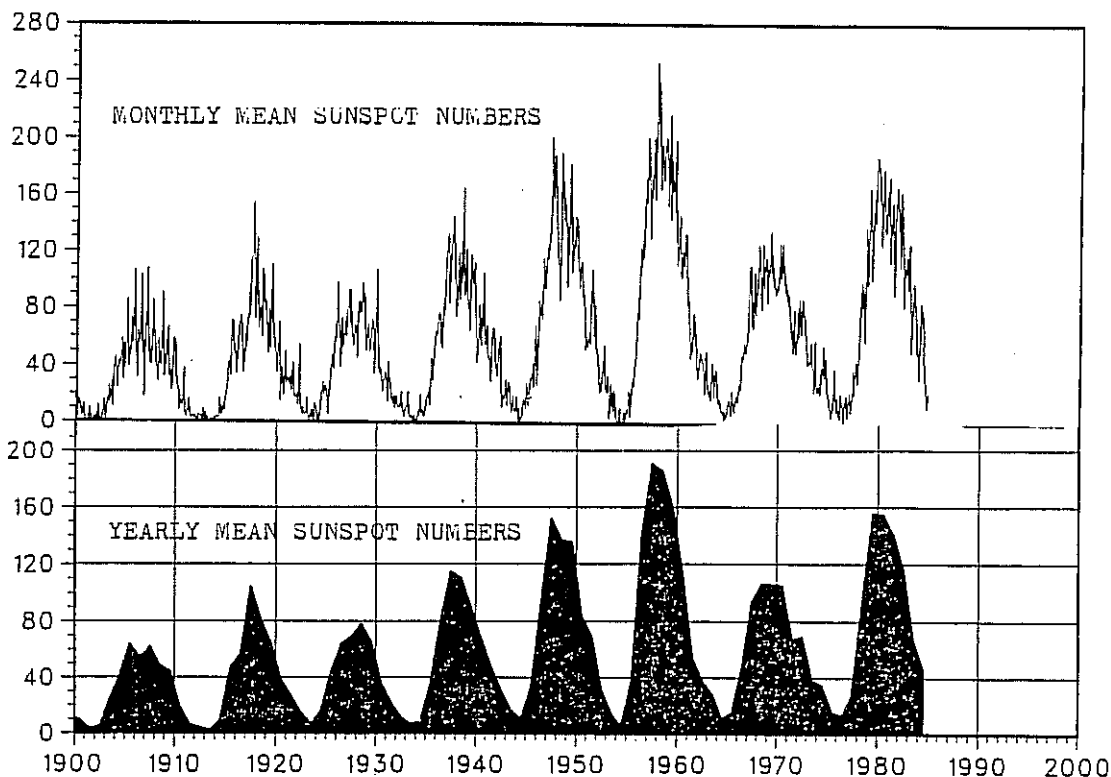


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## Chit Chat

Since Ole Sol has a pretty good handle on our DXing, I thought you would be interested in a pictorial presentation of its activity this century. From the following graphs, you can form your own opinion of when the recovery from this sun spot low might begin. You will probably be about as accurate as the experts since they play with these same pictures. Lets hope when the upturn occurs that we dont have a repeat of the period 1794 to 1828 when there was one year of no sun spots recorded and the yearly mean of the others didn't go above about 50. (about what we had at the end of 1984) Unfortunately some of the literature on this subject predicts such a recurrence. All is not gloom though. Since the first of the year, all of the HF bands have been open at one time or another. 10 and 15 meters just havn't been open around the clock as was the case often in 1980. Studying the daily sun spot charts over the past 150 years shows some spectacular numbers occurring at the depth of low. When this happens its a new ball game on our HF bands for a few hours to a day or so. Be persistent and you too can capture 100 on ten meters during a sun spot low.



*International DX Association*



*National Geophysical  
Data Center  
D.C. Wilkinson*

### Membership and Sponsor Membership Application

I agree with the Amateur Code of Ethics and I am willing to help others as I help myself...

Check One: New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Sponsor ☐ Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
\* You may sponsor a friend for membership, see give your call as Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ and fill out the form for your friend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Use separate paper for your comments.

Membership 1 year ( \$10. US or 29 IRCs ) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Membership 1 year ( \$10. US ) \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE Membership ( \$100. US or 290 IRCs ) \_\_\_\_\_

'T' Shirt with logo, S-M-L-EL ( \$8. US, \$9. DX ) \_\_\_\_\_

Rubber stamp w/logo ( \$4. US ) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Fee mail to: INDEXA \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

INDEXA Secretary

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Need IRC's? Bill W4UNP has a quantity he would like to sell. Anyone interested should send \$10 per 30 IRC's requested and an SASE to: Bill Jennings 630 Whitepine Drive Catawba, S.C. 29704

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Anyone have a good pair of 4-400 willing to donate to a deserving DX station? Contact Murf W4WVQ

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Glad to hear that demolition Ratterree is back on his feet. Murf those teenagers will get to you one way or another. Take care old buddy.

# EDITORS COMMENTS

With the passing of Don Wallace, W6AM, it looked like the top of the heap had begun to crumble. But alas, up comes another chap with even more countries worked than Don. And so the race continues. As the younger among us view these numbers, such a collection of countries may seem an impossible goal. However, one must remember that it took Don and the others 40 years to accumulate these totals. It was not instant "jack pot" and the people with these high numbers have remained active in their hobby and are DX orientated. But, the younger might say that these hams operated during a golden period and the opportunity to repeat such achievements will not come our way again. To this, I say "hog wash". What prophet among us can give a picture of our planet 40 years hence - they certainly couldn't 40 years ago.

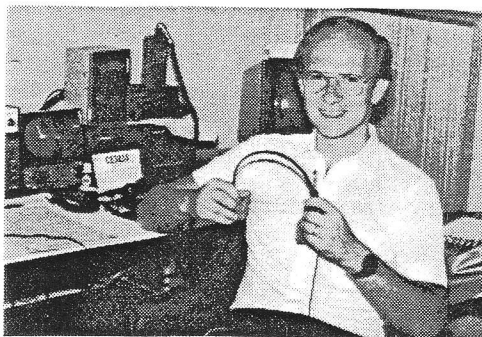
What we do need to launch us on our next 40 years is a sound set of ground rules to play the game by. The ARRL DXCC Countries list is used, not only by the ARRL, but also by many other radio societies and organizations as a basis for awards. I believe that the rules for DXCC are due for an overhaul and specifically that portion pertaining to "Criteria for country status". The criteria needs to be explicit and include provisions for deletions. I believe that the DXCC countries list should be purged of many identities such as separate administration. Consideration might be given to increasing mileage criteria between islands and mainland and eliminating all existing identities that do not meet the new mileage criteria. As for the ARRL, its Membership Communications Services Department needs to lay to rest the "Don Miller Syndrome" and make more common sense judgements as to the validity of a DX operation. It doesn't take a Supreme Court decision to rule on some of the past DX operations which the DXCC desk has placed in limbo for questionable reasons.

I will be on my "Soap box" within the DXAC on some of these matters in the future. It will pay all of you to write your DXAC representative or direct to ARRL Headquarters and voice your thoughts on DX matters. As for the future, Grand Totals are great brag badges and certainly distinguish those who take DXing seriously. However, the top of the heap is generally populated by those who stay active and live the longest.

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